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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Barreled apples made better prices on the Liverpool auction Wednesday, October 7, than last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Prices, however, were still well below the levels ruling at this time last year. Barreled apple supplies were heavy, around 45,000 barrels being offered at the auction. Heavier quantities are expected next week. Canadian barreled apples were in generous supply. The general condition of the barreled apples was variable, some marks were good, others over-ripe and wasty. Cargoes have been arriving in fair condition but showing a large number of slacks. Depreciation on slack barrels was 1/6 to 2/0 (\$0.29 to \$0.39) per barrel. Demand was affected by a large percentage of the arrivals landing in poor condition. Inquiry was moderate for barreled apples. Supplies of Virginia Grimes were liberal, Jonathans moderate and Bonums, Yorks, Ganos, Delicious and Winesaps light. New York Wealthy and Maryland Staymans were in light supply. Virginia Yorks and Ganos were the only varieties offered at the auction which were reported as in good condition.

Boxed apple prices were below those of last week at Liverpool. Supplies were moderate at the auction and supplies afloat are moderate. Refrigerated cargoes have been arriving firm and in good condition, ordinary stowage cargoes arriving over-ripe and with a slight amount of decay. A few slacks were also in evidence. The demand for Jonathans is affected by a large percentage of arrivals landing in poor condition. Inquiry at the auction was moderate for boxed apples. Supplies of California Gravensteins, Maryland and Delaware Jonathans were light. Gravensteins were the only boxed apples reported as in good condition.

Barreled pears were in light supply at Liverpool and consisted mostly of Kieffers. Prices were slightly below last week. Demand was moderate. The condition of the fruit was generally fair. Supplies of boxed pears were moderate. The condition of the fruit was variable. Some marks were good but others over-ripe and wasty. Some have shown internal breakdown. Demand is improving on high grade fruit.

At London prices paid for barreled apples were little changed from last week. Some prices were up, others down. Supplies of United States apples were comparatively light. Canadian apples were in liberal supply. The London market is under-supplied with high quality barreled apples. Heavier quantities of apples are expected next week. Demand is improving on high grade fruit but demand is affected by a large percentage of the arrivals landing in poor condition.

Boxed apple prices at London were on the whole somewhat higher than last week. Supplies were light but stocks in the hands of jobbers and retailers are liberal. General condition of the fruit was good but showing some waste.

The London pear market was about the same as last week.

The conversions in the table have been made at \$3.885 to the pound sterling. Par value of the pound is \$4.865.

Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	Liverpool				London	
	1930		1931			
	Oct. 8	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Oct. 7		
APPLES	BARRELS:	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	
Jonathans, Va.						
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	7.30-7.79	4.70-5.09	4.66-5.24a/	5.44-5.83		
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	7.30-7.79	-	4.27-4.66a/	4.27-4.66		
Bonums, Va.						
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	4.38-4.74b/	3.52-3.91	4.08-4.47	4.47-4.86c/		
Grimes, Va.						
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	4.87-5.35b/	2.74-3.13	3.01-3.40d/	2.72-3.01		
York Imperials, Va.						
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch.....	5.35-5.84	4.31-4.70	5.05-5.44	-		
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	4.70-5.09	4.86-5.24	4.66-5.05		
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.....	6.45-6.81	4.70-5.09	4.86-5.24	4.27-4.66		
Ganos, Va.						
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	4.40-4.60	4.47-4.86	-		

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Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London, cont'd

Variety, grade and origin	Liverpool		London	
	1930	1931	1931	1931
	Oct. 8	Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Oct. 7
APPLES	BARRELS: Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Delicious, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	4.31-4.70	4.66-5.05	-
Winesaps, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch.....	-	-	3.88	-
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	4.31-4.70	4.37	-
Wealthies, New York				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	3.72	3.30-3.50	2.72-2.91
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	-	3.11	-
Staymans, Md.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	-	3.98-4.18	-
	BOXES:			
Gravensteins, Calif.				
Fancy 150/175.....	-	1.76-1.96 <u>ef</u> /	1.75	1.75-1.94 <u>e</u> /
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	1.76-1.96 <u>ef</u> /	1.65-1.70	1.75-1.94 <u>e</u> /
Jonathans, Md.				
Extra Fancy 138/163.....	-	-	1.07	-
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	-	1.76	1.31-1.46	-
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	1.46	-
Fancy 150/175.....	-	1.47-1.61	1.16-1.21	-
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	1.57-1.66	1.26-1.41	-
Jonathans, Del.				
Fancy 138/163.....	-	-	1.27	-
Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	1.27-1.36	-
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	-	1.41-1.55	-
Yellow Newtowns, Calif.				
Fancy 150/175.....	-	1.96-2.06 <u>f</u> /	-	2.14-2.33
Fancy 188/smaller.....	-	2.06-2.25 <u>f</u> /	-	2.23-2.43
Jonathans, Wash.				
Extra Fancy 150/175.....	-	-	-	2.14-2.33
Extra Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.80-2.86	-	-	2.33-2.52
Fancy 150/175.....	2.92-2.98	1.81-1.96	-	1.94-2.14
Fancy 188/smaller.....	2.49-2.86	-	-	1.94-2.23
Comb. Ex. Fancy and Fancy				
150/175.....	2.98-3.04	2.35	-	1.84-2.23
Comb. Ex. Fancy and Fancy				
188/smaller.....	2.68-3.04	2.01-2.15	-	2.04-2.23
PEARS	BARRELS:			
Kieffers, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch.....	5.84-6.81 <u>g</u> /	4.31-4.70	4.18-4.27	3.13-3.52 <u>h</u> /
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	-	4.26-5.44	-
Kieffer, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch.....	-	-	4.47	-
U.S. No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.....	-	-	4.66-4.86	-
	BOXES:			
Hardy, Calif.				
Fancy 135/150.....	3.41-3.89 <u>g</u> /	3.03-3.23	3.11-3.20	2.54-2.94 <u>h</u> /
Fancy 165/180.....	-	2.98-3.23	2.77-2.91 <u>h</u> /	2.54-2.94 <u>h</u> /
Fancy 193/smaller.....	-	2.64-2.74	2.72	-
Anjous, Calif.				
Fancy 135/150.....	-	-	3.01-3.11	2.74-2.94 <u>h</u> /
Fancy 165/180.....	-	-	3.06-3.11	2.74-2.94 <u>h</u> /
Fancy 193/smaller.....	-	-	2.91	-
Boscs, Calif.				
Fancy 135/150.....	-	-	2.53-2.62	-
Fancy 165/180.....	-	-	2.33-2.62	-
Comice, Calif.				
Fancy 135/150.....	-	-	3.30-3.59	3.52-3.91 <u>h</u> /
Fancy 165/180.....	-	-	3.50	-
Bartlett's, Oregon				
Fancy 135/150.....	3.16-3.65 <u>g</u> /	-	2.33-2.62	-
Fancy 165/180.....	-	-	2.67	-
Bartlett's, Wash.				
Extra Fancy, 135/150.....	-	-	2.52-2.77	-
Extra Fancy 165/180.....	-	-	2.52-2.72	-
Fancy 135/150.....	-	-	1.94-2.14	-

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ Ordinary stowage \$3.30, \$3.38. b/ U.S. No. 1, 2 inch. c/ U.S. No. 1, 2 inch.
d/ Large volume poor condition fruit sold at \$2.33 to \$2.72. e/ Fancy all counts.
f/ London. g/ Size, grade not given. h/ September 30 prices, October 7 prices
about same. i/ Owing poor condition a large volume sold at \$0.97 to \$1.51.